

TO: Members of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

FROM: Howard Blin, Community Engagement Manager

SUBJECT: **November 13<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole**

## **Meeting Location**

The meeting will be held at the Crown Roller Mill Building, 105 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room. Parking is available in the lot located at the northwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South (across 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the Crown Roller Mill) The print out a parking permit, click on this link and follow the directions: [https://minneapolis.clickandpark.com/facility/?search\[facility\\_id\]=203&search\[product\\_type\\_id\]=14](https://minneapolis.clickandpark.com/facility/?search[facility_id]=203&search[product_type_id]=14).

## **Agenda**

### **3. Recap of October 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

At the meeting the following recommendations were forwarded to the full commission:

- 1) The Program should begin in 2014 with the roll out of the program generally following the schedule proposed by staff.
- 2) There should be early consultation with neighborhood organizations regarding the structure of the program. To start this process the NCEC should hold four focus groups throughout the city, one for every two NCEC Districts. At least one month advance notice should be provided for these meetings.
- 3) The final guidelines should be available for a 60 day public review before they are finalized by the NCEC and presented to the City Council.
- 4) Achieving geographical balance throughout the city in should be a consideration in selecting projects for funding.

### **4A. Finalize Engagement Process**

At the October meeting it was determined that four focus groups throughout the city to learn of ideas for the program. Representatives of neighborhood organizations would be invited to participate in the groups. The Committee should determine the schedule for these groups. To facilitate discussion in the groups it is suggested that the Committee develop a set of questions which would be asked in all groups. Examples of such questions are:

- What priorities should the program address?
- What are the types of projects that may be submitted?
- What are the opportunities for partnerships between neighborhood and community organizations?
- How many grants should be awarded in each funding cycle?
- Other questions

#### **4B. Discussion of Program Priorities**

At the June Committee meeting, various sources for priorities for the CIF were discussed. A summary of those sources are listed below:

- Neighborhood Organizations, particularly Priority Plans, Community Participation Program and NRP Plans
- Framework for the Future goals
- Core Principles of Community Engagement
- Cultural Organizations
- Community Based Organizations (e.g. Prevent Child Abuse of MN, disparity Reduction Team)
- Resident networks (e.g. Grandparents groups)
- Youth Organizations (e.g. YCB, Youth Congress, Somali Youth Action of MN)
- Park Directors
- Park Employees/ Sports Programs
- Metropolitan Council
- Business Associations
- U of M Neighborhood Partnership Initiative Program
- Youth and Elder Engagement
- Faith Based Organizations
- Minneapolis Plan
- Minneapolis 20/20 Plan Five Year Goals
- CURA NPI program

The Committee should continue the discussion on priorities and attempt to narrow the list.